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1. WE WELCOME WASHINGTON DECISION TO PRESENT A SUBSTANTIVE CRUISE MISSILE PAPER IN NATO AS A VEHICLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES AND AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A FORMAL NATO STUDY (REF A). FURTHER, WE SUPPORT APPROACH OF PRESENTING SUCH A PAPER IN THE NAC, WHERE IMPORTANT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED BY ALL ALLIES, INCLUDING FRENCH. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONTINUE TO SEE ADVANTAGES, AS INDICATED IN REFS B, C AND D, IN ADVANCING DIALOGUE WITH THE ALLIES IN BOTH NAC AND NPG CHANNELS.

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TO DATE, WE HAVE DISCUSSED CRUISE MISSILES (APART FROM SALT IMPLICATIONS) IN THE NPG, AND WE EXPECT ALLIES TO FAVOR FURTHER SUCH DISCUSSIONS AT THE OTTAWA NPG IN JUNE. WE BELIEVE DUAL NAC/NPG APPROACHES WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY AND PROVIDE BEST MEANS OF INFLUENCING KEY ALLIED DECISION-MAKERS, WHILE KEEPING DIALOGUE AT POLITICAL LEVEL.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, IS CURRENTLY PLANS TO PUT FORMAL DRAFT NPG MINISTERIAL AGENDA BEFORE NPG PERMREPS FOR APPROVAL ON MAY 5. IS WILL WISH TO ISSUE THE FORMAL

DRAFT ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE MAY 5, AND THEREFORE WE WILL
REQUIRE FURTHER WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, WHICH REF E INDICATES
WILL BE FORTHCOMING, PRIOR TO APRIL 28, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO WORDING ON CRUISE MISSILES IN NPG MINISTERIAL
AGENDA ITEM I. PEREZ

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